

Southern Campaigns American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of James Dobbins W3964

Nancy Dobbins

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State of North Carolina, Rutherford County

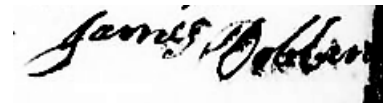
On this day 23rd of Oct 1832 personally appeared in open court before the Justice of the Court now in session James Dobbins. Resident of the United States in the County of Rutherford and State of North Carolina, Aged Seventy years who being first duly sworn in according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed the 7th June 1832. He entered the service of the United States under the following named officers & served as herein stated

(Viz) I was living in York District South Carolina at the time I was first drafted & called into service for the term of three months. This I think was about 1779. I have no record of the date of year. I was placed in Capt. Robert McAfee's Company But I served another tour under Capt. Andrew Love. We were put in Col. Neill's [Thomas Neel's] Regiment. We were marching to the frontiers of Georgia and stationed at Philip's [?] Fort, where we remained till our time of service ended and we returned home.

I remained but a short time at home before I volunteered myself for another three month tour under Capt. William Copeland, belonging to Col. Bratton's [William Bratton's] Regiment. But we were placed under the command of Major Watson, we were march down the Country to near the place Columbia in South Carolina now is situated. After reaching this place it became necessary to select out of the main armys, a guard over the prisoners that had been picked up such as the Negroes, Tories, British prisoners, &c. I volunteered myself for this service and was placed under the authority of Capt. Thomas Ro[balance of word missing as a result of the edge of the paper being compromised]. I was continued in this kind of service till our term expired and we were discharged & returned home. We never received any written discharge that I recollect of. I have no records of the dates of any of my services being no scholar. I had it not in my power.

I hereby relinquish any claim whatsoever to a pension or annuity except the present and I declare that my name is not upon the pension roll of the Agency of any State whatsoever.

S/ James Dobbins



Sworn to in open Court the day & year aforesaid.

Witness: S/ Thos. F. Birchett, Clk

Interrogatories by the Court---

1st Where and in what year were you born?

Ans. I was born in Granville County, N. Carolina in the year 1762.

2nd Have you any record of your age & if so where is it?

Ans. I have no written record of my age. I only know it by having often seen my Father's record of it.

3rd Where were you living at the time when called into service, where have you lived since the Revolutionary War & where do you now live?

Ans. In York District So. Carolina. From South Carolina I moved to Rutherford County No. Car. where I now live.

4th How were you called into service? Were you drafted, did you volunteer, or were you a substitute?

Ans. I was first drafted in Capt. McAfee's Company. I next volunteered in Capt. Copeland's Company.

5th State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops where you served. Such of the Continental & militia Regiments as you can recollect of & the general circumstances of your service.

Ans. Capt. Robert McAfee; Capt. Andrew Love; Col. Neill [sic, Neel]; Col. Bratton; Maj. Watson. I was not in any engagement during my service which in all amounted to about seven months.

6th Did you ever receive a discharge from service & if so by whom was it given & what has become of it?

Ans. I never did receive any written discharge.

7th State the names of the persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood, and who can testify as to your character for tenacity & good behaviour as to your services in the Revolution.

Ans. I cannot state the name of any person who is in this country who can testify as to my services in the Revolution. But as to my character I will refer to the Reverend John Paggett & to William Covington.

[John Paggett and William Covington, gave the standard supporting affidavit.]

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State of North Carolina, Cleveland County

On this 30th day of July 1845 personally appeared before me Durham Hicks, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid Nancy Dobbins a resident of North Carolina in the County of Cleveland aged seventy six years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on her oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by act of Congress passed July 7th 1838 granting pensions to widows of persons who served during the revolutionary war that she is the widow of James Dobbins who was a private in the war of the Revolution and was a pensioner under the act of Congress of the 7th

June 1832 and was inscribed on the pension list of the North Carolina agency at the rate of Twenty Dollars per annum. She further declares that she was married to the said James Dobbins sometime in the year 1785 and that her husband the aforesaid James Dobbins died on the 28th day of March 1840. That she was not married to him prior to his leaving the service but the marriage took place previous to the first of January Seventeen hundred and ninety four. (viz.) of the time above stated, and that she is still a widow.

Sworn to and subscribed on the day and year above written before
S/ Durham Hicks, JP

S/ Nancy Dobbins, X her mark

[pp 9-10: family record as follows:

<p><i>Drewsilla Dobbins was born March the 30th - - - - - 1786</i></p>	<p>Drewsilla Dobbins was born March the 30 1786</p>
<p><i>Susanna Dobbins was born February the 27th - - - - - 178?</i></p>	<p>Susanna Dobbins was born February 27 178?</p>
<p><i>William Dobbins was born February the 17th - - - - - 1790</i></p>	<p>William Dobbins was born February the 17 1790</p>

	<p>illegible</p> <p>Lewis</p> <p>Jesse [?] Dobbins Sepr. 1829</p>
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State of North Carolina Cleveland County: Personally appeared before me Durham Hicks one of the Justices in and for said County Nancy Dobbins and made oath in due form of law and saith that the above attached record is the family record of James Dobbins and Nancy Dobbins and his wife; and that it is believed to be in the hand writing of William or Lewis Dobbins and that it has been kept in the possession of Nancy Dobbins since the death of her husband, and that it is the original and genuine record of James Dobbins and Nancy Dobbins his wife.

Sworn to and subscribed this 30th day of July 1845 before

S/ Durham Hicks, JP

S/ Nancy Dobbins, X her mark

[p 33: On November 19, 1845 in Cleveland County North Carolina, Drury Dobbins gave testimony that he was married July 17th 1793 and that at that time James Dobbins and his wife Nancy had been married and living together as man and wife and had 4 children. The relationship, if any, of the deponent to the veteran is not stated.

D. Dobbins

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months in the South Carolina militia. His widow was pensioned in a like amount.]